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Mr. Robert Layton, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Layton:

Water quality is becoming an increasing concern to those of us in Northwest Arkansas. In order to provide more public awareness of the numerous water programs available and to stimulate dialog among persons concerned with this issue, I am planning to sponsor a one-day Water Quality Conference in Fayetteville, Arkansas on May 22. I would appreciate it if you or your designee would participate in the conference. The conference will be held at the Hilton Inn in Fayetteville and will feature speakers from Federal and State agencies as well as from the private sector. A tentative agenda is attached.

Specifically, I would like to have a representative of your agency participate in two of the panels. The morning panel will focus on EPA's involvement in the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, RCRA, and Superfund. The afternoon panel is intended to deal with some more specific treatment of pollution at its source such as assistance available to communities for treatment plants.

The format of each panel should allow each panel participant to make a five to eight minute presentation. After all panel members have made their presentations, the remaining time will be used for questions and open discussion. If you or your organization would like to provide an exhibit for display at the conference, I understand that there is an area available for this purpose.

Jerry Mitchell, of the Soil Conservation Service in Harrison, Arkansas, has consented to help with some of the conference logistics. Jerry can be reached at (501) 741-8600. In addition, Hugh and Gabe Rozsa of my staff in Washington (202-225-4360) be available to answer questions.

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Thank
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Betty - Ken Kirkpatrick needs a short
write up on Superfund Program and
any info on sites in Northwest

Arkansas for this conference. He

needs this by
COB Tuesday. Get
to me and I'll
coordinate.

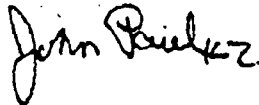
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The conference will be free and open to the public. I hope that you would also encourage others to attend so that they have an opportunity to interact with other people who are interested in the water quality issues facing our nation today. I hope that you will respond favorably to my request and look forward to working with you toward a productive conference.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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Enclosure

Transcribed from dictation